

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1683
ANSWERED ON:31.07.2003
CONSTITUTION OF SCC/SEC
PUTTASWAMY GOWDA

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the name of the States and Union Territories where State Coordination Committee (SCC) and the State Executive Committee (SEC) have been constituted for the smooth implementation of the Persons With Disabilities (PWD) Act, 1995 and time by which the remaining States/ Union Territories is likely to appoint SCC/ SEC;
- (b) whether all States/Union Territories have appointed commissioners for such SCC and SEC;
- (c) if so, the name of the States/Union Territories who have appointed commissioners on full time and part time basis; and
- (d) the steps taken/to be taken by the Government for appointment of full time commissioners in States/Union Territories who have part time commissioners?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY IN SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI NAGMANI)

- (a) As per Section 13(1) and 19 (1) of the Persons with Disabilities Act, 1995, only the States are required to constitute State Coordination Committee (SCC) and State Executive Committee respectively. Union Territories are exempted from this provision under Section 13 (3) of the Act. All State Governments except the State of Jharkhand have constituted the State Coordination Committee (SCC) and State Executive Committee (SEC). As informed by Government of Jharkhand, it has initiated the proposal for constitution of SCC and SEC
- (b) According to the provisions of the Act relating to constitution of SCC and SEC, the Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities is to be the Member, ex-officio, of the SCC and SEC. All the States/Union Territories have appointed Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities.
- (c) The States of Andhra Pradesh, Chattishgarh, Haryana, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Nagaland and Rajasthan have appointed Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities on full time basis. In the rest of the States/Union Territories, Commissioners for persons with disabilities have been appointed on additional charge basis.
- (d) The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment and the Chief Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, appointed under the Act, have been impressing upon the State Governments to appoint Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities on full time basis.